

"TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) *This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by S.J.R. No. 14, 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, and expires January 1, 1992.*

"(b) Courts of Appeals Districts and Judges. *The supreme judicial districts of the state become courts of appeals districts. Associate justices of the courts of appeals become justices of the courts of appeals.*

"(c) County Courts and County Judges. *Unless otherwise provided by law, all county courts in existence under the Constitution continue in effect with jurisdiction as provided by law. The judges of those courts remain as county court judges and as presiding officers of the county commissioners courts.*

"(d) Municipal Courts, County Courts at Law, and Justice of the Peace Courts. *Unless otherwise provided by law, order, charter, or ordinance, these courts and judges of them remain as they exist at the time of adoption of the amendments, including any new courts authorized bylaw but not taking effect until after the date of adoption of these amendments.*

"(e) Judicial Districts and Judges. *Unless otherwise provided by law, judicial districts in existence at the time of adoption of these amendments remain in effect, including any districts authorized by law but not taking effect until after the date of adoption of these amendments.*

"(f) Laws and Rules Continued. *Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of these amendments, all laws and rules of court in force on the effective date of these amendments continue in effect until otherwise provided by law.*

"(g) Other Provisions. *In the event a transfer or transition has not been provided for by these amendments or other law, the Supreme Court shall provide by rule for the orderly transfer or transition.*

"(h) The initial term of the member of the Judicial Districts Board appointed by the governor expires on December 31, 1990."

SECTION 11. *This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the reapportionment of the judicial districts of the state by the Judicial Districts Board or by the Legislative Redistricting Board, and providing for the administration and jurisdiction of constitutional courts."*

Adopted by the Senate on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 5; May 23, 1985, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 1985, House granted request of the Senate; May 27, 1985, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6; adopted by the House, with amendments, on May 22, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 10, six present not voting; May 26, 1985, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1985, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 19, one present not voting.

Received: June 3, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

S.J.R. No. 15

Senate Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among counties for purposes of property taxation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article VIII, Section 8, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. All property of railroad companies shall be assessed, and the taxes collected in the several counties in which said property is situated, including so much of the roadbed and fixtures as shall be in each county. The rolling stock may be assessed in gross in the county where the principal office of the company is located, and the county tax paid upon it[;] shall be apportioned as provided by general law [by the Comptroller,] in proportion to the distance such road may run through any such county, among the several counties through which the road passes, as a part of their tax assets."

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 1986. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or

against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to provide by general law for the apportionment of the value of railroad rolling stock among counties for purposes of property taxation."

Adopted by the Senate on March 7, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0;
adopted by the House on May 16, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0,
two present not voting.

Received: May 22, 1985

To be voted on: November 4, 1986

S.J.R No. 16

Senate Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 12, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Section 12. (a) All judges of courts of this State, by virtue of their office, are [be] conservators of the peace throughout the State. [The style of all writs and process shall be: 'The State of Texas.' All prosecutions shall be carried on in the name and by authority of the State of Texas, and shall conclude: 'Against the peace and dignity of the State.']"

"(b) An indictment is a written instrument presented to a court by a grand jury charging a person with the commission of an offense. An information is a written instrument presented to a court by an attorney for the State charging a person with the commission of an offense. The practice and procedures relating to the use of indictments and informations, including their contents, amendment, sufficiency, and requisites, are as provided by law. The presentment of an indictment or information to a court invests the court with jurisdiction of the cause."

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition. "The constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes."

Adopted by the Senate on March 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 0;
adopted by the House on May 8, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 8,
one present not voting.

Received: May 14, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

S.J.R No. 21

Senate Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize use of proceeds from the sale of permanent school fund land to acquire other land as part of the permanent school fund.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article VII, Section 4, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. The lands herein set apart to the Public Free School fund, shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and on such terms as may be prescribed by law; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to purchasers thereof. The [Comptroller shall invest the] proceeds of such sales must be used to acquire other land for the Public Free School fund as provided by law or the proceeds shall be invested by the treasurer; and of those heretofore made], as may be directed by the Board of Education herein provided for, in the bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties in said State, or in such other securities, and under such restrictions as may be prescribed by law; and the State shall be responsible for all investments."